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January 22, 2002

Ms. Renata Hesse
Department of Justice, Antitrust Division
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Dear Ms. Hesse,

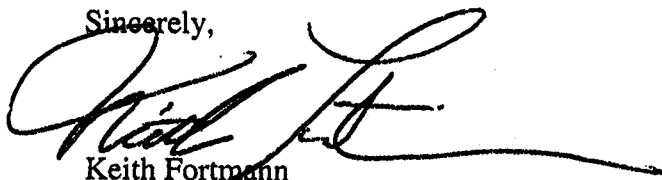
Like so many Americans, I am an investor in the stock market and have been financially hurt by the downturn this past year. As an individual investor, I have made every effort to do my part to prevent an even greater drop in the markets by maintaining my holdings without over-reacting.

While we enjoyed a relatively minor upswing recently, the markets once again dropped following the national media attention of the Enron bankruptcy. In the face of so much negative news, it is getting more and more difficult for investors to optimistically believe the markets have hit the bottom and are in a recovery.

From an economic standpoint, you have the ability to send a message which can only be construed as good by the media and the American public. I am referring to the Microsoft lawsuit. A proposed settlement in this case is before you. Most of the parties involved in this case are in agreement to settle this case based on the proposal presented. Please take this opportunity to do your part and sign on to the proposed settlement. By putting an end to this lawsuit, you allow the tech industry the chance to move forward. You will also create much needed optimism for a turning point in our times of economic struggles.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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